

Lighthouse Girl

by **Dianne Wolfer**

illustrated by **Brian Simmonds**

'Full of evocative illustrations sepia photographs and news clippings Wolfer's book transports. A great one for early and older readers alike.' *The Sunday Age*

ABOUT THE BOOK

At the outbreak of World War I, Fay lives alone with her father on bleak, windswept Breaksea Island. As war rages over the world, Fay's life is about to dramatically change as she faces the reality of surviving the home front and the never-ending threat of invasion.

Drawing on fascinating archival material, award-winning author Dianne Wolfer deftly recreates this period in Australian history from the perspective of a young girl.

Based on the true story of Fay Howe, this gentle, illustrated tale brings to life the hardships of those left at home during WWI - those waiting, wondering and hoping.

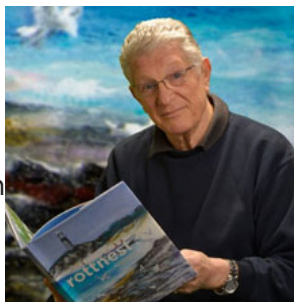
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dianne Wolfer is an award-winning author. Her WWI-set Light series served as the inspiration for PIAF's *The Giants* and was adapted by THEATRE 180 into a popular stage production. Her picture book, *Photographs in the Mud*, was inspired by a wartime anecdote and has been used as an international peace reference.



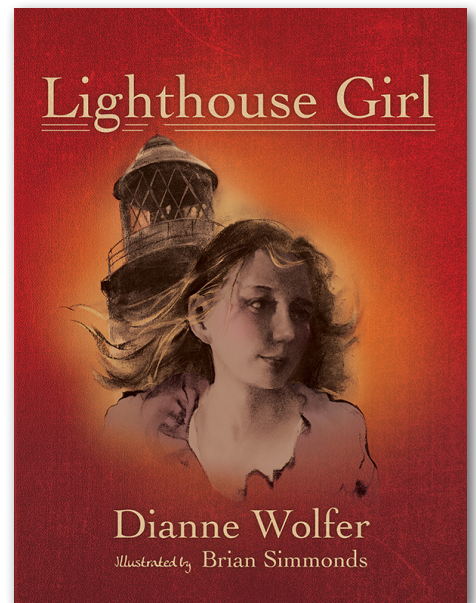
ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Brian Simmonds (d. 2025) was born in Subiaco and worked as a lithographer in the printing industry while studying art in the evenings. He had a BA in Fine Art from Curtin University and became a professional artist in 1990. He exhibited his work many times and won numerous prizes.



NOTES

- This edition marks the 15th anniversary of *Lighthouse Girl*, which has gone on to become an award-winning Australian classic.
- When first published the book won West Australian Young Readers' Book Award and was shortlisted for a Western Australian Premier's Book Award, Children's Book Council of Australia Crichton Award for Best New Illustrator and a NSW Premier's History Award.
- This book was the basis for the THEATRE 180 stage production of *The Lighthouse Girl Saga*, which has become one of the company's most popular shows.



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